

**Milford Conservation Commission  
Meeting Minutes October 10, 2013  
7:00 Selectmen's Meeting Room**

**Present:** Audrey Fraizer, Chair; Andy Hughes, Becky Lorette, Kim Rimalover, Andy Seale, Janet Urquhart. Alternate member: Chris Costantino.

Excused: Hub Seward. Guest: Yvonne Beran

**Approval of September meeting minutes:** approved on a motion by Andy S, seconded by Becky. Unanimous support. Kim, Audrey, and Andy H abstained since they weren't present.

**Appointment:**

**7:15 – Yvonne Beran** – Yvonne reported on her 3 day Coverts training workshop. Her primary service will be to provide resources to the Commission as a management plan is developed. Yvonne will take the lead in creating a management plan for Hitchiner Town Forest. She will coordinate a visit to the TF for the Commission, and any wildlife experts from the Cooperative Extension Service to identify resources, recreation opportunities and wildlife conservation. She will consider edge habitat between the fields and the forest; mowing management to encourage wildlife concentrating on improving habitat for the animals that are already present; and recreation management. Topics for future discussion: 1) ongoing vandalism: can it be addressed with a gate plan, better signage, posting a camera? 2) How to encourage school programs to the TF either during or after school hours.

Item	Discussion	WWDW
1. 4 <sup>th</sup> Saturday hike	September – Mile Slip Audrey, Chris and Janet attended. October – Pratt Pond Audrey will lead with Mason commission	Audrey will lead the October hike
2. Brox Berm Stabilization	Letter received from DES, stating that the berm stabilization complaint has been closed.	No action needed
3. Mobility Device Policy	Final version was accepted.	Chris will deliver to the BOS along with a memo explaining the purpose of the policy for their consent calendar.
4. Rail Trail bridge over Armory Rd	Becky suggested that we look more closely at putting a bridge at the rail trail crossing at Armory Rd. She wondered if we could have an engineering study done as was done at the Melendy Rd crossing. The members decided that we should walk the trail and talk about the long range plan for the rail trail	Schedule a site walk of the trail with Rick Riendeau, DPW Director

5. Brick for the Keyes Pergola	On a motion by Becky, seconded by Andy S (unanimous approval of the members), The Commission will purchase a brick to acknowledge the efforts of the Trails Committee for the Keyes Field Pergola Project.	Chris will handle the purchase
6. Work shops	NHACC (New Hampshire Association of Conservation Commissions) annual meeting. Who is going and to which sessions?	Members need to contact Chris. Kim is going; but needs to pick sessions.
7. Warrant Articles	<p>Warrant Articles are due – December 31 (end of year 2013)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Land Fund request of \$20,000</li> <li>Easements – <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><u>Hitchiner</u> - wait until after the Nye/Colburn Subdivision is complete to add the open space to the easement description.</li> <li><u>Mile Slip</u> – Audrey talked to New England Forestry Foundation. Cost is about \$7500. Members were in agreement that Mile Slip is a good parcel to be protected.</li> </ul> </li> <li>Episcopal/Rotch property merge and accept as a Town Forest</li> </ul>	<p>Chris will draft the wording for review at next meeting</p> <p>Audrey will talk further with NEFF to get a sample easement.</p>
8. Interdepartmental reviews	<p><u>Nye Drive</u> – discussion concerning comments from viewing audience</p> <p><u>Melendy Rd</u> – Becky abstained from any decisions since she is an abutter. Her knowledge of the area was helpful for the members to discuss. The Commission would like to have the management of the open space as it could provide a link between Hitchiner Town Forest and the Rail Trail. There is a brook which flows across the property that the Commission would like to be able to monitor. The Open Space subdivision was done with sensitivity to the brook. The Commission would like to have the Open Space removed from the house lots. Stormwater analysis will be left with Fred Elkind.</p> <p><u>Souhegan Street</u> – The Commission acknowledged that the new lot will be out of the wetland and outside the 250' buffer of the Souhegan River.</p>	<p>Andy H will check the hammerhead on Noons Quarry Rd to determine if parking for a trail system would be appropriate</p> <p>Chris will draft the IDR comments for the Planning Board</p>
9. Events	<p>Pumpkin Festival – October 11-12</p> <p>Chamber of Commerce Expo October 17</p> <p>Ghost Train Rail Trail Race – October 26-27</p> <p>NHACC – November 2, 2013</p>	
10. Pratt Easement	Chris needs to get this to Nashua County Courthouse Registry of Deeds	Chris
11. Mile Slip Management Plan	Eric Radloff came in with an update. The Management Plan progresses.	

12. Conservation Plan – Chapter 1	The commission reviewed Chapter 1 of the Conservation Plan. They accepted the changes proposed by Audrey, Becky and Chris from the last work session. They reviewed the Mission Statement and voted to approve it unamended.	Chris will make the changes and send out Chapter 2 for review.
13. Open Space Conservation District Overlay	The Commission reviewed the changes suggested by NRPC to the Open Space Conservation District Overlay. There were more changes than could be addressed in the time allowed. A work session is scheduled for October 23 to work further on this overlay.	Chris will send out a reminder of the work session